

Please cancel Claims 18, ~~65~~, ~~112~~, ~~139~~, ~~206~~, ~~234~~, ~~301~~, ~~357~~, 404 and 452.

Please replace Claims 19, 339, 384- 386 and 388 - 403 and 405 - 428 with the following replacement claims:

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A1<sup>1</sup> 19. (Amended) The system of Claim 1, wherein the instructions on the portable media  
2 further comprises means for motivating the user to complete the tests.

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A2<sup>1</sup> 339. (Amended) The method of Claim 336 further comprising motivating the user to  
2 complete the tests.

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A3<sup>1</sup> 384. (Amended) The system of Claim 340, wherein the teacher station further comprises  
2 means for generating one or more separate accounts for the diagnostic system, wherein the  
3 accounts include an account manager for managing an entire school or district of users of the  
4 diagnostic system, a lead teacher for managing the use of the diagnostic system by one or more  
5 classroom teachers in a particular school and one or more classroom teachers who each  
6 administer the diagnostic testing for a particular class of students.

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1 385. (Amended) The system of Claim 384, wherein the teacher station further comprises  
2 means for the account manager to register one or more lead teachers and means for each lead  
3 teacher to register one or more classroom teachers who administer the test.

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1 386. (Amended) The system of Claim 385, wherein the account manager has access to  
2 testing data for the entire district, wherein the lead teacher has access to testing data for the entire  
3 school and each classroom teacher has access to testing data for the class of the classroom  
4 teacher.

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1 388. (Amended) The method of Claim 387 further comprising motivating the user to  
2 complete the tests.

1 389. (Amended) The method of Claim 387 further comprising generating a questionnaire  
2 having one or more questions for eliciting information about risk factors associated with  
3 language-based learning disabilities.

1 390. (Amended) The method of Claim 389, wherein the information comprises historical  
2 data about reading-related risk factors including one or more of medical conditions including  
3 chronic otitis media, family history data including history of dyslexia, environmental data  
4 including socioeconomic status and exposure to literacy at home and observational data about an  
5 individual's behaviors reflecting competencies in speech sound awareness.

1 391. (Amended) The method of Claim 387 further comprising receiving a verbal  
2 response from a user to one or more tests using a speech recognition device.

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1 392. (Amended) The method of Claim 387, wherein the one or more tests comprise a  
2 rhyme recognition test for testing the ability to recognize rhymes, a rhyme generation test for  
3 testing the ability to generate rhymes, a beginning and ending sound recognizer for testing the  
4 ability to recognize the beginning and ending sounds of a word, a word decoder test for testing  
5 the ability to read by sounding out a written word, a sound blender test for testing the ability to  
6 blend sound units together to form words, a sound segmenting test for testing the ability to  
7 segment a sound unit into smaller sound units, a sound manipulator test for testing the ability to  
8 manipulate sound units to form a new unit, a sequential verbal recall test for testing the ability to  
9 recall a sequence of spoken items, a rapid naming test for testing the ability to rapidly name one  
10 or more items, a letter naming and symbol/sound association test for testing the ability to name  
11 letters and identify the association between a symbol and an associated sound, and a fluent reader  
12 test for testing the ability to read fluently.

1 393. (Amended) The method of Claim 387, wherein the tests further comprise a rhyme  
2 recognition test further comprising providing at least two stimuli to the user and receiving user  
3 input in response to the at least two stimuli to determine the user's ability to recognize rhyming  
4 words.

1 394. (Amended) The method of Claim 387, wherein the tests further comprise a test for  
2 recognizing the beginning sound of a stimulus, the test comprising generating at least one  
3 stimulus having at least an initial phoneme and receiving a response to the stimulus that indicates  
4 an ability of the test taker to recognize the initial phoneme of the stimulus.

1 395. (Amended) The method of Claim 387, wherein the tests further comprise a test for  
2 recognizing the ending sound of a stimulus, the test comprising generating at least one stimulus  
3 having at least an ending phoneme and receiving a response to the stimulus that indicates an  
4 ability of the test taker to recognize the ending phoneme of the stimulus.

1 396. (Amended) The method of Claim 387, wherein the tests further comprise a rhyme  
2 generation test comprising generating a stimulus and receiving a response from the user  
3 identifying a sound unit that rhymes with the stimulus.

1 397. (Amended) The method of Claim 387, wherein the tests further comprise a sound  
2 blender test comprising generating at least two sound stimuli and receiving a user response to the  
3 at least two sound stimuli, the response indicating an ability to blend the at least two sound  
4 stimuli into a larger sound unit.

1 398. (Amended) The method of Claim 387, wherein the tests further comprise a sound  
2 segmentation test comprising generating at least one stimulus and receiving a response to the

3 stimulus comprising means for segmenting the stimulus into smaller units in order to test the  
4 ability to segment the stimulus into smaller units.

1 399. (Amended) The method of Claim 387, wherein the tests comprise a sound  
2 manipulation test comprising generating a sound stimulus having one or more sound units and, in  
3 response to the sound stimulus, manipulating the sound units of the sound stimulus to test the  
4 ability to manipulate sound units.

1 400. (Amended) The method of Claim 387, wherein the tests further comprise a verbal  
2 recall test comprising generating at least one sound stimulus and, in response to the at least one  
3 sound stimulus, receiving a user response indicating the recalling of the at least one sound  
4 stimulus.

1 401. (Amended) The method of Claim 400 further comprising speaking a verbal  
2 response into the speech recognition device for receiving a verbal response from the user.

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1 402. (Amended) The method of Claim 387, wherein the tests further comprise a naming  
2 test comprising generating at least one visual stimulus and, in response to the display of the  
3 visual stimulus, speaking the name of or the sound associated with the visual stimulus using the  
4 speech recognition device.

1 403. (Amended) The method of Claim 387, wherein the tests further comprise a word  
2 decoder test comprising displaying a visual stimulus to the user and, in response to the visual  
3 stimulus, receiving a response from the user to determine the ability to read the visual stimulus.

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1 405. (Amended) The method of Claim 388, wherein the motivation further comprises  
2 generating a graphical image and an associated sound to motivate the user to complete the tests.

1           406. (Amended) The method of Claim 388, wherein the motivation further comprises  
2           generating the graphical image and associated sound after a first predetermined number of tests  
3           are completed and generating another graphical image and associated sound after a second  
4           predetermined number of tests are completed.

1           407. (Amended) The method of Claim 406, wherein the generating further comprises  
2           generating a graphical image indicating the number of tests remaining to be completed.

1           408. (Amended) The method of Claim 406, wherein the motivation further comprises  
2           generating the graphical image and associated sound after a third predetermined number of tests.

1           409. (Amended) The method of Claim 387 further comprising, based on the test scores,  
2           recommending a training module to improve the skill of a user.

1           410. (Amended) The method of Claim 409, wherein the recommender further comprises  
2           downloading the recommended training module to the client computer.

1           411. (Amended) The method of Claim 409, wherein the recommender further comprises  
2           storing the incorrect responses to the one or more tests and generating a training module  
3           recommendation based on the incorrect responses.

1           412. (Amended) The method of Claim 411, wherein the recommender further comprises  
2           comparing each incorrect response to one or more error measures to identify an error associated  
3           with each incorrect response and generating a training module recommendation based on the  
4           identified error.

1           413. (Amended) The method of Claim 412, wherein the comparing further comprises  
2 identifying one or more errors for each incorrect response.

1           414. (Amended) The method of Claim 412, wherein the recommender further comprises  
2 identifying a deficient skill by comparing the identified error to a deficient skill rule and  
3 generating a training module recommendation based on the identified deficient skill.

1           415. (Amended) The method of Claim 387 further comprising dynamically generating  
2 one or more data reports that illustrate the data associated with the one or more tests.

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1           416. (Amended) The method of Claim 415, wherein the data reports further comprises  
2 displaying the test results simultaneously for one or more students.

1           417. (Amended) The method of Claim 416, wherein the displaying further comprises  
2 displaying the percentage of correct responses for a test.

1           418. (Amended) The method of Claim 417, wherein the displaying further comprises  
2 displaying the results for one or more different tests for each user wherein the results for each  
3 test are displayed in a different color.

1           419. (Amended) The method of Claim 415, wherein the data report generator further  
2 comprises a user interface for browsing other test data for a user.

1           420. (Amended) The method of Claim 415, wherein the data report generator further  
2 comprises determining the number of user test results shown.

1           421. (Amended) The method of Claim 415, wherein the data report generator further  
2 comprises permitting the user to select a data report print format.

1           422. (Amended) The method of Claim 415, wherein the data report generator further  
2 comprises permitting the user to select a data report display format.

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1           423. (Amended) The method of Claim 415, wherein the data report generator further  
2 comprises generating a data report for one or more students in a class, generating a data report  
3 for one or more classes each having one or more students and generating a data report for a  
4 school having one or more classes.

1           424. (Amended) The method of Claim 387, wherein the client computer further  
2 comprises a teacher station that downloads the tests from the server and one or more student  
3 computers connected to the teacher station by a network, each student computer further  
4 comprising displaying at least one of a graphical image and audio associated with each test  
5 located on the server, receiving a user response to one of the graphical images and audio  
6 presented by each test and communicating the responses for each test back to the teacher station.

1           425. (Amended) The method of Claim 424, wherein the teacher station further comprises  
2 communicating the response for each test for each student back to the server computer.

1           426. (Amended) The method of Claim 425, wherein the teacher station further comprises  
2 detecting a break in the communication between the teacher station and the server computer and  
3 resending any test data that was not sent due to the communications break.